

## Population and Housing Profile: San Fernando Valley User Defined Area, California

NOTES: The population estimates in this profile are limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters.

In the narrative profile below, if one sample estimate is larger than another, it does not necessarily mean that the same holds for their true values for the entire population. These estimates are derived from a sample of housing units and measure the true values with a degree of uncertainty. In the tabular profiles this uncertainty is represented by the 90 percent confidence interval given for each estimate. For further information on confidence intervals see the Accuracy of the Data document.

Caution should be used when comparing data by race for years before 1999 with those for 2000 due to the Census Bureau's implementation of the October 1997 revised standards for data on race and ethnicity. For the 2000 data, respondents may report one or more races and there are seven (American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, White, Some other race, and Two or more races) instead of five racial tabulation categories. The Two or more races category includes all respondents who reported more than one race. See the methodology section for more details regarding these changes.

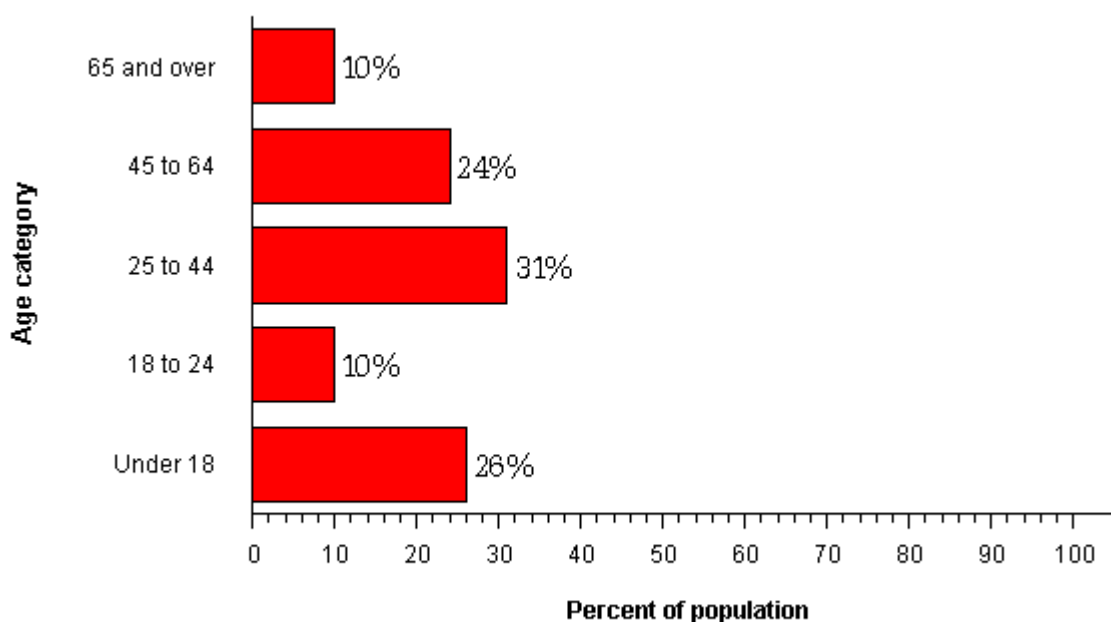
In addition, caution should be used when comparing population numbers by age, race, and sex for 2000 with all earlier years. The numbers for 2000 have been weighted to be generally consistent with Census 2000 counts.

Detail may not add to totals due to rounding. Percentages are based on unrounded numbers.

For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, go to the American Community Survey web site [www.census.gov/acs/www/](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/) and click on Advanced Methodology.

**POPULATION OF San Fernando Valley User Defined Area:** In 2005, San Fernando Valley User Defined Area had a household population of 1.7 million - 876,000 (50 percent) females and 867,000 (50 percent) males. The median age was 35.3 years. Twenty-six percent of the population were under 18 years and 10 percent were 65 years and older.

**The Age Distribution of People in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area in 2005**



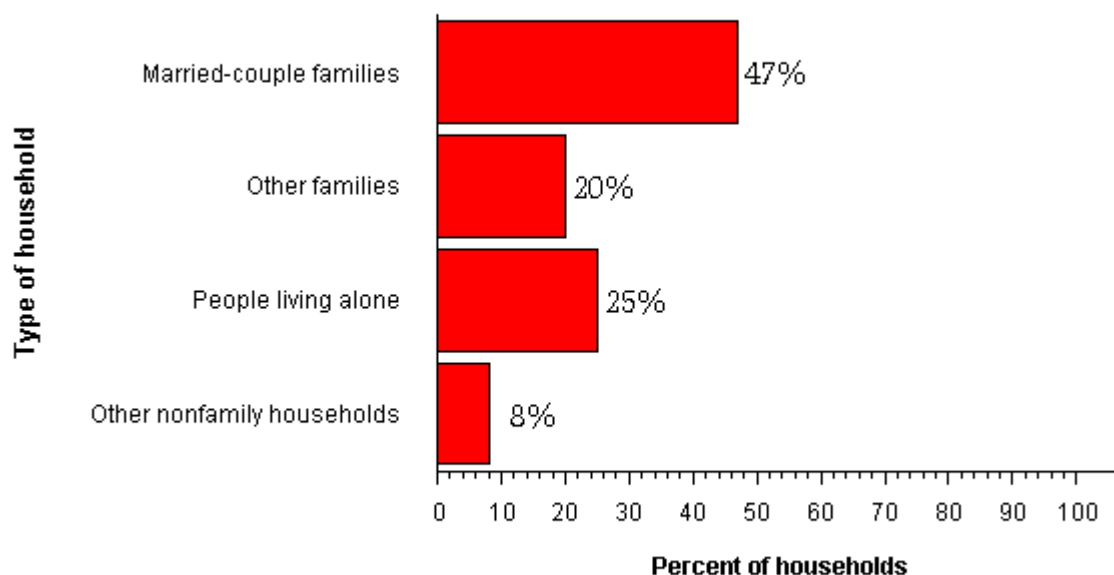
Source: American Community Survey, 2005

For people reporting one race alone, 61 percent were White; 4 percent were Black or African American; less than 0.5 percent were American Indian and Alaska Native; 11 percent were Asian; less than 0.5 percent were Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 24 percent were Some other race. Two percent reported Two or more races. Forty-two percent of the people in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area were Hispanic. Forty-three percent of the people in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area were White non-Hispanic. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

**HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES:** In 2005 there were 583,000 households in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area. The average household size was 2.99 people.

Families made up 67 percent of the households in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area. This figure includes both married-couple families (47 percent) and other families (20 percent). Nonfamily households made up 33 percent of all households in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area.

**The Types of Households in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area in 2005**



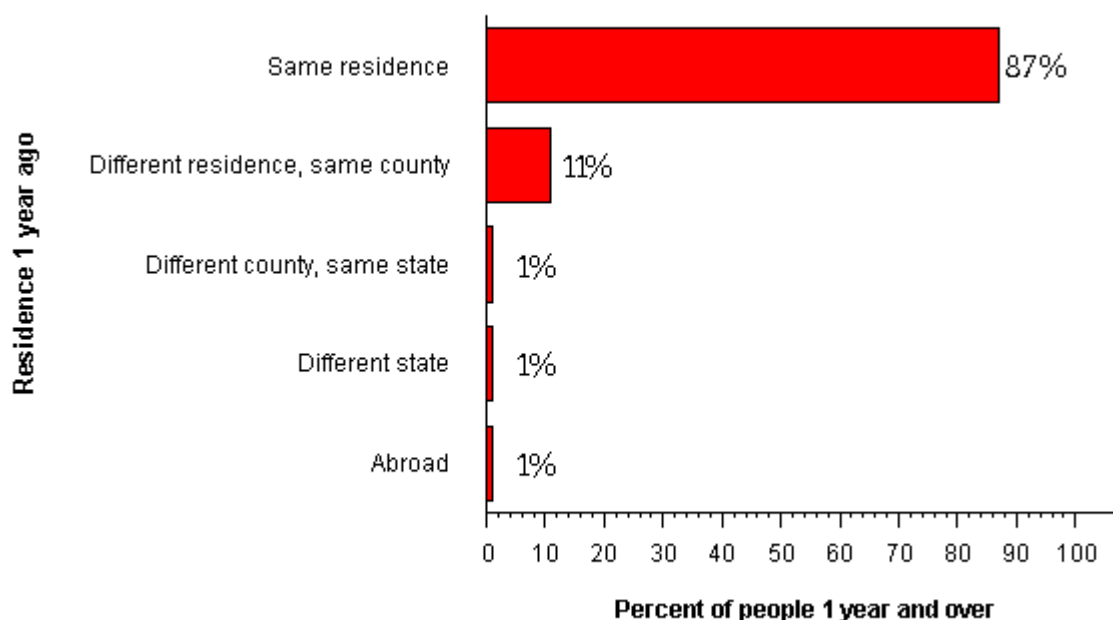
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**NATIVITY AND LANGUAGE:** Forty-one percent of the people living in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area in 2005 were foreign born. Fifty-nine percent were native, including 42 percent who were born in California.

Among people at least five years old living in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area in 2005, 59 percent spoke a language other than English at home. Of those speaking a language other than English at home, 63 percent spoke Spanish and 37 percent spoke some other language; 47 percent reported that they did not speak English "very well."

**GEOGRAPHIC MOBILITY:** In 2005, 87 percent of the people at least one year old living in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area were living in the same residence one year earlier; 11 percent had moved during the past year from another residence in the same county, 1 percent from another county in the same state, 1 percent from another state, and 1 percent from abroad.

**Geographic Mobility of Residents of San Fernando Valley User Defined Area in 2005**

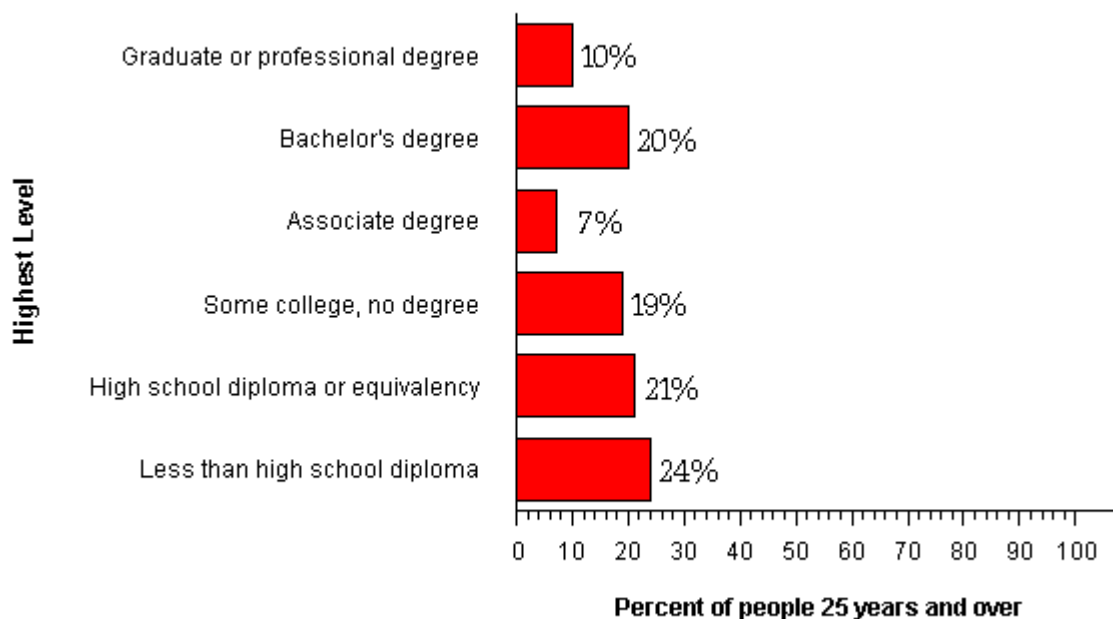


Source: American Community Survey, 2005

**EDUCATION:** In 2005, 77 percent of people 25 years and over had at least graduated from high school and 30 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. Among people 16 to 19 years old, 11 percent were dropouts; they were not enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school.

The total school enrollment in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area was 498,000 in 2005. Preprimary school enrollment was 54,000 and elementary or high school enrollment was 314,000 children. College enrollment was 130,000.

**The Educational Attainment of People in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area in 2005**

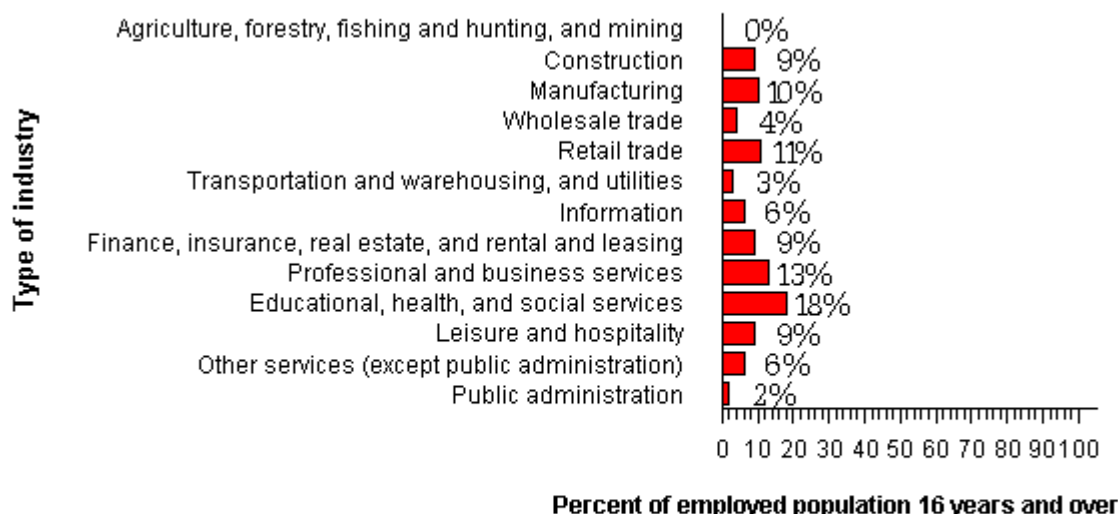


Source: American Community Survey, 2005

**DISABILITY:** In San Fernando Valley User Defined Area, among people at least five years old in 2005, 13 percent reported a disability. The likelihood of having a disability varied by age - from 4 percent of people 5 to 15 years old, to 11 percent of people 16 to 64 years old, and to 41 percent of those 65 and older.

**INDUSTRIES:** In 2005, for the employed population 16 years and older, the leading industries in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area were Educational, health, and social services, 18 percent, and Professional and business services, 13 percent.

**Employment by Industry in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area in 2005**



Source: American Community Survey, 2005

Note: The Professional and business services category includes the following industries: Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services. The Leisure and hospitality category includes the following industries: Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services

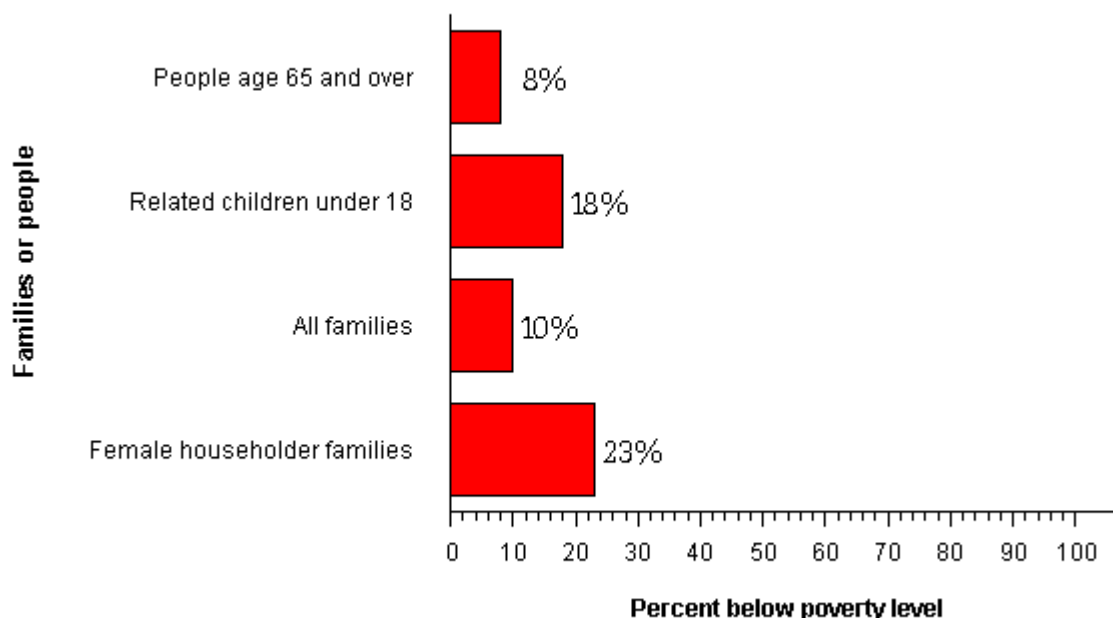
**OCCUPATIONS AND TYPE OF EMPLOYER:** Among the most common occupations were: Management, professional, and related occupations, 35 percent; Sales and office occupations, 26 percent; Service occupations, 16 percent; Production, transportation, and material moving occupations, 11 percent; and Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations, 11 percent. Eighty percent of the people employed were Private wage and salary workers; 9 percent were Federal, state, or local government workers; and 11 percent were Self-employed.

**TRAVEL TO WORK:** Seventy-four percent of San Fernando Valley User Defined Area workers drove to work alone in 2005, 12 percent carpoolled, 5 percent took public transportation, and 5 percent used other means. The remaining 5 percent worked at home. Among those who commuted to work, it took them on average 29 minutes to get to work.

**INCOME:** The median income of households in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area was \$51,717. Eighty-five percent of the households received earnings and 12 percent received retirement income other than Social Security. Twenty-one percent of the households received Social Security. The average income from Social Security was \$13,516. These income sources are not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income from more than one source.

**POVERTY AND PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS:** In 2005, 13 percent of people were in poverty. Eighteen percent of related children under 18 were below the poverty level, compared with 8 percent of people 65 years old and over. Ten percent of all families and 23 percent of families with a female householder and no husband present had incomes below the poverty level.

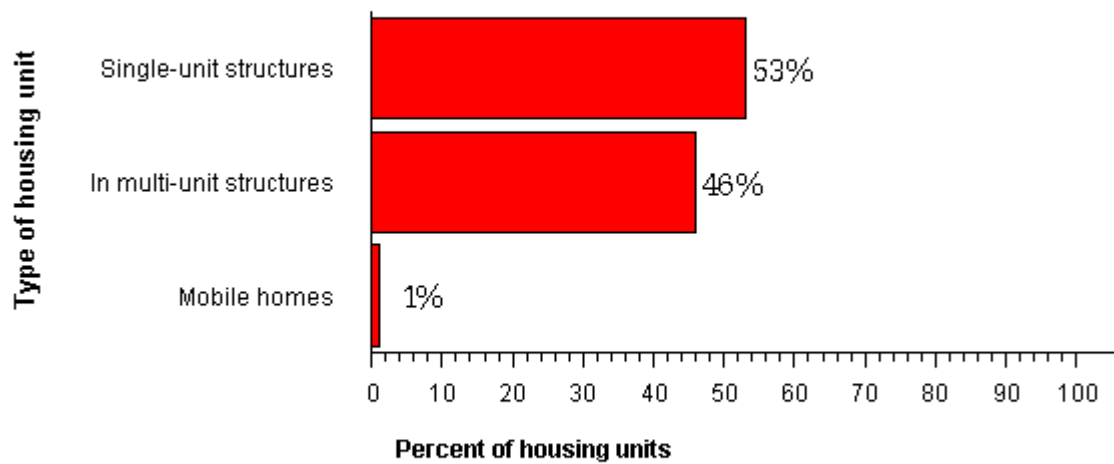
**Poverty Rates in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area in 2005**



Source: American Community Survey, 2005

**HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS:** In 2005, San Fernando Valley User Defined Area had a total of 610,000 housing units, 4.3 percent of which were vacant. Of the total housing units, 53 percent were in single-unit structures, 46 percent were in multi-unit structures, and 1 percent were mobile homes. Eight percent of the housing units were built since 1990.

### The Types of Housing Units in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area in 2005

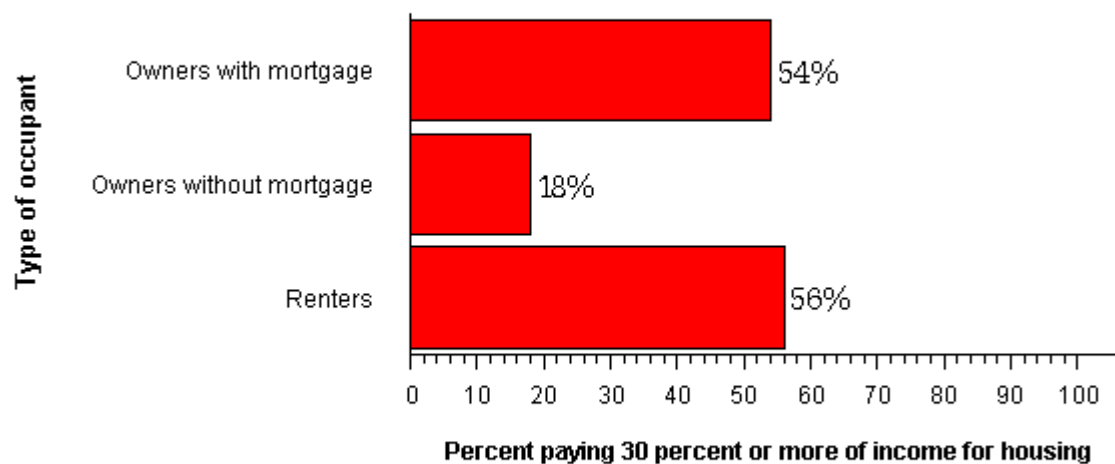


Source: American Community Survey, 2005

**OCCUPIED HOUSING UNIT CHARACTERISTICS:** In 2005, San Fernando Valley User Defined Area had 583,000 occupied housing units - 304,000 (52 percent) owner occupied and 279,000 (48 percent) renter occupied. Two percent of the households did not have telephone service and 8 percent of the households did not have access to a car, truck, or van for private use. Multi-vehicle households were not rare. Thirty-nine percent had two vehicles and another 21 percent had three or more.

**HOUSING COSTS:** The median monthly housing costs for (specified) mortgaged owners was \$2,101, (specified) nonmortgaged owners \$483, and (specified) renters \$978. Fifty-four percent of owners with mortgages, 18 percent of owners without mortgages, and 56 percent of renters in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area spent 30 percent or more of household income on housing.

### Occupants with a Housing Cost Burden in San Fernando Valley User Defined Area in 2005



Source: American Community Survey, 2005